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SUBJECT: LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH: DSYG PETRIGNANI'S VIEWS
AND REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION
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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE
ON MAY 23, BASICALLY ON OTHER SUBJECTS, DSYG
PETRIGNANI REAFFIRMED THE REQUEST HE HAD EXPRESSED
TO US AND AMBASSADOR KOMER LAST WEEK ON THE MARGINS
OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR
KOMER SOMETIME DURING HIS (PETRIGNANI'S) STAY IN
WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMIT MEETING.
THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE TO
COMPARE VIEWS ON LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH, PARTICULARLY
FOR THE REPORT HE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PREPARE BY 1
AUGUST (REFTEL).

2. PETRIGNANI VOLUNTEERED SOME OF HIS EARLY THINKING.
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AS A FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS, HE HAS IN MIND SORTING
THE LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MEASURES IN THE LTDP
INTO FOUR CATEGORIES: 1) THOSE THAT IMPACT ON NATIONS,
AND WITHIN THAT CATEGORY, SPECIFY NATIONS INVOLVED;
2) THOSE THAT IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES
(SACEUR, CNAD); 3) THOSE THAT ARE READY, OR CALL
FOR ACTION AS AGAINST THOSE THAT ARE FOR FURTHER

STUDY; 4) MEDIUM TERM AS AGAINST LONG-TERM MEASURES. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO SET TIMETABLES FOR INITIATION OF THE WORK OR STUDY, FOR COMPLETION, ETC.

3. PETRIGNANI SAID THAT PAULS (FRG) HAD APPROACHED HIM CONCERNING THE FRG'S CONCERN OVER ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF SEPARATE STRUCTURE FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THE LTDP. PETRIGNANI IMPLIED THAT KILLICK (UK) SHARED PAUL'S VIEW AND ASKED FOR CHARGE'S VIEWS.

4. THE CHARGE ASKED WHETHER FUTURE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDAS WOULD NOT HAVE TO INCLUDE AN ITEM ON THE LTDP, TO ENSURE THAT PROGRAM WAS INDEED BEING CARRIED OUT AS MANDATED BY ALLIED LEADERS. PETRIGNANI AGREED THAT THE LTDP SHOULD BE AN ITEM FOR DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDAS, STATING: "THE LTDP SHOULD NOT LOSE ITS SEPARATE IDENTITY," BUT ASKING HOW IT WOULD FIT INTO THE FORCE GOALS EFFORT.

5. THE CHARGE NOTED THAT THE FORCE GOALS APPROACH DEALS WITH NATIONAL FORCE PROGRAMS, REVIEWING THEM EACH FALL AND PROVIDING GOALS EVERY OTHER SPRING. THE LTDP, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ORGANIZED FUNCTIONALLY, NOT NATIONALLY, AND ADDRESSES COOPERATIVE AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AS WELL AS FORCES. THE EFFORTS WERE RELATED BUT BOTH WERE NEEDED.
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6. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A PROCEDURAL APPROACH WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT BOTH ARE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ATTENTION INCLUDING ENSURING THEY ARE HARMONIOUS. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE US WAS PROPOSING A SEPARATE STRUCTURE FOR LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH DID NOT SEEM TO HOLD WATER.

7. PETRIGNANI SAID HE APPRECIATED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO EFFORTS AND THE NEED FOR COORDINATION. HE WOULD CONTINUE TRYING TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ENSURE SOLID LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH WHILE AVOIDING THE "CREATION OF A SEPARATE STRUCTURE" FOR THE PURPOSE.

8. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT PETRIGNANI IS MOTIVATED BY A GENUINE DESIRE TO PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL FOLLOW-THROUGH. WE HAVE ALWAYS FOUND HIM VERY HELPFUL, HIGHLY ATTUNED TO THE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND AT PAINS TO CONCERT VIEWS WITH THE US SO AS TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY HIS INTERNATIONAL POSITION. HE PLAYED A KEY PART IN ARRANGING THE MUTUAL UNDER-

STANDING BETWEEN LUNS AND THE US ON THE EVE OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL, CONCERNING WHAT WAS TO BE SAID ON THE SUBJECT OF FOLLOW-THROUGH. INDEED, WITHOUT HIS ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INTERVENTION, THE UNDERSTANDING WOULD NOT HAVE COME ABOUT, IN OUR VIEW. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF SECRETARY BROWN'S PROPOSAL FOR AN EWG REPORT BY JULY 15 WAS VERY SKETCHY AND INCONCLUSIVE. PETRIGNANI RECOGNIZES THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE A FIRM GRIP ON THE REQUIREMENT, AND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR US HERE TO SERVE AS AN INTER-

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LOCUTOR WITH WASHINGTON PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING.

9. IN SUM, PETRIGNANI'S THINKING HAS PROGRESSED TO THE POINT OF A FIRST STEP (CATEGORIZATION) AND TO RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR THE LTDP TO APPEAR ON FUTURE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDAS AND NOT TO LOSE ITS SEPARATE IDENTITY. WE BELIEVE THAT WASHINGTON HAS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE WORK PETRIGNANI HAS AGREED TO UNDERTAKE AND URGE TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF IT BEARING IN MIND HIS POSITIVE DISPOSITION AND THE ADVANTAGES OF "GENTLE PERSUASION" WITH THIS POLISHED ITALIAN DIPLOMAT. END COMMENT.

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10. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION WE CAN PASS TO
PETRIGNANI ON HIS REQUEST FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
AMBASSADOR KOMER. GLITMAN

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